

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please INSERT the following heading and paragraph after the Title of the Invention on page one of the Specifications in the instant application as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of co-pending International Patent Application No. PCT/FR03/02162, filed on July 10, 2003 by CHENE, Richard et al. entitled CLAMPING COLLAR, the entire contents of which is incorporated by reference. Priority is claimed to French Patent Application No. 0208884, filed on July 15, 2002, the entire contents of which is incorporated by reference, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. --